THE BHARAT SCOUTS & GUIDES BULLETI

Sri G. V. Mavalankar, Speaker of the Lok Sabha addressing

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The Cubmasters and Flock Leaders under Training at Salem on 29—5—55.

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Off to Canada Jamboree

Scout S. Radhakrishnan
will represent Madras

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OURSELVES

Rural Service Camps

WE have received very interesting reports of the various Rural Service Camps run by Scouts in the Districts throughout the State. The 3000 Scouts have given a good report of themselves. Many instances of hardship were overcome with cheerfulness like true Scouts and they are not the worse for it. On the other hand they have come back rich with experince and look forward to another Camp in the coming summer. Taking everything into consideration these Camps have justified the step that we took and give encouragement for Camps in the future. We shall certainly standardise our methods and work in relation to these Camps based on our experiences. This subject will come up for disscussion at our Conference of workers (District level), Commissioners and Secretaries in connection with the Annual meeting on 27th August 1955.

The Indian Contingent to Canada

We are glad to note that Madras State Bharat Scouts and Guides, will be represented by Scout S. Radhakrishnan from Madras Christian College School Troop. His parents Mrs. and Mr. P. N. Menon were very enthusiastic about their son attending the Jamboree. The boy is only 14 years old and he is a qualified 1st Class Scout; with him will go 13 other Scouts representing India from the various States under the leadership of Pandit Shri Ram Bajpai, our National Organising Commissioner. Their itinerary is given in another page in this issue. They will be joined by 10,000 Scouts from 47 other nations. Prior to attending the Jamboree the 14 Indian Scouts will be the guests in the homes of 14 different Canadian families for 10 days. Later enroute Home, they will travel across United States to New York. We wish them all a very happy and useful time. The educational value of attending an International Jamboree and visiting various countries and meeting not only Scouts, and other young people cannot be over emphasised. We hope more will go in the future.

Our Annual Meeting

The Fourth Annual meeting of the Madras State Bharat Scouts and Guides will be held on 28th August 55. The Public session will be presided

over by the Governer of Madras Sri Shri Prakasa. A conference of Commissioners of all ranks, of both sections, and secretaries, workers (District and local Association levels) will be held on 27th August 1955. Important subjects calculated to advance the cause of Scouting and Guiding in the State will be considered at this Conference. We look forward to having a very large gathering representing all Districts both at the Conference and at the Annual meetings.

Our National Commissioner

We are glad to have had the kind visit of our National Commissioner Dr. Hridayanath Kunzru at Coimbatore, Coonoor and at Madras He paid a visit to our Stanley Park Training Centre, Coonoor and was very pleased to note that the site was an ideal one for Camping and Training. Coimbatore held a very successful Rally and was followed by the Rally at Madras of Scouts and Guides. At both these places the National Commissioner addressed the public and members of our movement. His address is published elsewhere. The National Commissioner's visit has helped a great deal to put fresh life into our movement. He also spoke to the Governer and the Education Minister and requested them to give greater support to the Bharat Scouts and Guides. Certain concrete proposals were made in that respect. We are grateful to the National Commissioner for his inspiring visit and advice. It looks, that he is growing younger and younger and more and more active day by day. Scouting does the trick. We are indeed fortunate in having an ideal National Commissioner in Dr. H. N. Kunzru.

International Visitors

Mr. Percy Siebold, Assistant Secretary (Liaison) Boy Scouts International Bureau will visit India in December 1955 and propose to spend atleast two weeks in our country. During his very short stay, he is expected to visit Madras also.

Dame Leslie Whately

The World Director of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts will visit India and spend some weeks between October and December 1955. She will visit Madras State and spend 4 or 5 days in October. Both these visitors will have occasion to meet Scout and Guide workers and Scouts and Guides groups and understand for themselves the position of the movement in our country. We hope that they will find everything in proper order and on progressive basis. We extend to them both a very hearty welcome to our country and to Madras.

The National Scout Week

The National Head-quarters has suggested that the Scout Week be held in the first fortnight of November, for one week and that the 7th of November, on which day the Bharat Scouts and Guides was inaugurated should be observed as National Scout day. Our Scout Week used to be from 1st of October for one week but now it will be changed to November.

Ramanathapuram District Silver Jubilee

The Bharat Scouts and Guides, Ramanathapuram celebrated its Jubilee, on 16th and 17th July 1955 with great enthusiasm at Karaikudi. Our Chief Minister Sri K. Kamaraj Nadar presided over the public func-

tion and congratulated the Association on its successful work. Among the others that took part were Sri Ramaswamy Naidu, President of the District Board, our State Chief Commissioner. Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu, Sri A. N. Thambi, the Principal of Alagappa College and Sri V. S. Ratnasabhapathy, State Secretary. A successful Camp in this connection was held for Scouts under the guidance of Sri K. S. Seshadry, Assistant State Commissioner. Sri M. Rajagopal, State Organising Commissioner, Sri P. Somasundaram, District Commissioner, Sri. A. R. Arunachalam, Secretary, Sri K. Visweswaran and Sri Kathi Arunachalam, Assistant District Commissioners and other Scouters. We have had also the supprt of Sri A. R. A. Rm. Chockalingam, M.L A., President of the Association as well as Sri A. L A. R. Somanatha Chettiar and other colleagues. It is hoped that the momentum gained by the celebrations will give the necessary impetus to further work in the District. A training Course for Officers is organised for providing workers immediately A nicely got up Jubilee Souvenir has been issued.

Editor.

Scouting & Rotary

BY CAPT K. B. GODREJ. I.N.

THE Golden Anniversary Message from Herbert Tayler, President of Rotary International, on "What is Past is Prologue" should make Rotarians think on "history", "enquiry", on the lines of what Founder of Rotary, Paul Harris, said. "Is there any lesson to be learnt from the past ? .. The youthful mind is impressionable If Rotary is to realise its proper destiny, it must be evolutionary at all times, revolutionary on occasions."

Making an appeal for a more creative future, the President of Rotary International makes an appeal for "Keep doing". "Keep on with that Boy Scout troop" "Keep looking for new needs and new fields of Service,

I would like active inspiration to be found amongst the Rotarians in this Golden Jubilee Year for their active participation in bringing the message of Rotary more dynamically to the youth, youth of the Country and youth of the World. It is on the youth that the future depends, in the country or in the world.

A very good opportunity, I feel, has not been vigourously made use of in the past by the Rotary Clubs in forming, helping or sponsoring Scout Groups.

Just as Scouting has a great deal to offer, Rotary with its resources, influence in the community and its man power and leadership has a great deal to offer to the Scout movement. Just campare the numerical strength of Scouts in our Country over 4,00,000 with the world figure of over 40,00,000. In our country more number of youngsters are waiting outside than those that are inside. Their difficulties are many and varied from lack of leadership to lack of finance or experience or training or accommodation or equipment or other Scout paraphernalia.

Here is Rotary where leadership, experience, resources mental and moral and what is more the "Spirit of Service" are in abundance. Let it not remain passive, here is an opportunity for giving fullest expression to that spirit. You can give talks on various Scout badges, you can help find leaders, you can be examiners, be committee men, or start a Rotary Scout Group with Cubs (age 8-11) and Scouts (age 12-17) Rovers (age 18-25).

Each of these three sections, Cubs with 18 boys, Scouts with 24 boys and Rovers with 12 youngmen and their six leaders, in all will make a Scout Group of 60 in a community. This number can be reduced or increased according to the strength and resources of a Rotary Club and its standing. Is it too much to expect a Rotary Club to undertake this Youth Service In every town or village where Rotary desires to do service, opportunities exist to start work with those boys who otherwise, but for this patronage, may not get a chance to see or understand the spirit which Scouting and Rotary desire to spread in the world. There is not a place where Rotary can exist and Scouting can not exist and vice-versa. There are 4,00,000 Rotarians in 8,400 Rotary Clubs in the World. If each Club sponsored this project of a Scout Group of say on an average 50, it would mean 4,20,000 more youths in the world who will imbibe the principles of Rotary and Scouting (which are identical) Service and World-Brotherhood.

Acoording to reports Rotary and Scouting have co-exisited in some place in the past but it needs more world-wide application

In countries like U. S. Rotary Clubs sponsor more than 2,180 troops; and practically every Club gives the Scout Movement regular financial or personal support. In Ogden, Utah, the Club presented a movie projector to the Scout Council of the area, whilst numerous Rotarians are Scoutmasters without benefit of formal Club Sponsorship. In the U. S. as in some other Countries, Rotarians are high in the National Councils as well as in Local and District Councils. In 1952, 200 Rotarians received the Silver Beaver award from their local Councils for distinguished Service to Scouting. In U.S. 26 men out of every 100 have been personally influenced by Scouting. In 1922, the Rotary Club of Manila brought Scouting to the Philipines by sponsoring formation of a troop. The Buffalo Patrol of Scout Troop 83 in Indianapolis, Indiana, attend to the needs of Rotary Convalescent Home of James Whitcomb Riles Hospital for children who go on a "hike" in wheel chairs and braces? In Mission, Kansas, Rotary Club erected a Chapel at Scout Camp Niash.

The story can continue indefinitely with such things as money contributions, individually and from Clubs, troop equipment and other materials. As one great Scout Dan Beard said "Scouting dramatizes, vitalizes, makes real for boys in their impressionable age those qualities which to quote from Scout make men trustworthy, loyal, courteous, kind. obedient, cheerful, thrifty brave, clean, reverent."

To my mind, in the final result; both Rotary & Scouting stand for the same objects Viz., "Service" and "World Brother-hood or Fellowship."' One deals with the adults and the other with the Boys and Youth. They are complementary to each other, both are world-wide, both do not dabble in politics, both have an influence to create in any communi y. Character training, good citizenship, service to community, world brotherhood are the mainstay of Scouting. All these ideals compare well with the objects and Four Tests of Rotary, Both hold international gatherings, Rotarians calling it Convention and Scouts calling it Jamboree. Both have International magazines and literature, both have freedom to develop in their own set-up locally according to the culture of the country. These similarities can go on ad-infinitum. It is because of this similarity of purpose that I advocate close relationship, patronage and understanding of these two great movements—not in the spirit of competition but in the spirit of co-ordination or shall I use the term "Co-Existence" that I make this appeal.

Having been a Scout for nearly 40 years and a Rotarian for over a year, if I can bring active inspiration to bear on Rotarians, bringing out the possibilities and potentialities of this idea I would feel happy.

The above project has been given an ideal start by the Bangalore (India) Rotary Club under an active Rotarian. An active band of about ten Rovers Scouts are being quietly trained at his bungalow Two of them have started a Cub Pack of 12 boys and another two of them are engaged in starting a Scout Troop of about 18 boys from streets, boys who are usually denied an opportunity for literacy, citizenship, training or creating ideals-the under-clothed and un-looked after, either by parents or by Society.

What a magnificent service-what an ideal what an inspiration awaits those that wish to work & spread the ideals of Service & World Brother hood! Rotarians and Scouts make a special kind of team as partners working for the same and identical goal-one for men the other for boys and youth. Combined efforts of both can work wonders for the world, ideals of both are recognised throughout the world they are more important to-day and will remain more important in future than ever before. Leaders of the world are finding ways and means to implement these ideals—we have been following them for fifty years and who knows our force may have been responsible for creating an atmosphere in which these ideals can thrive? Even without recognition of this fact, we have a great contribution to make justly and severally. With "Sleeves up" let us get on with it. Many old Scouts have been good and active Rotarians because of the similar ideals that make an appeal to them all through their life.

May the Brotherhood of Scouting warm the world and may Rotary, with its ideal of international fellowship help in spreading this ideal to grow among the youth of the world.

5th COMMISSIONERS' TRAINING COURSE—BHAVANISAGAR

(For Block Development Officers)

Under the auspices of the Bharat Scout, and Guides, Madras State, the above Course was held at Bhavanisagar in the Coimbatore District, from 25-7-55 to 30-7-55. Sri V. C. Subbiah Gownder, Assistant State Commissioner declared it open. Sri A. M. Venkatarangam, B.A.L.T., a member of the Executive Committee of the District Association, Coimbatore addressed the Campers. 15 Block Development Officers representing 10 Districts in the State went through the training. The course was in charge of Sri J. I. Muthiah, D.C.C. State Organising Commissioner, Coimbatore, ably assisted by Sri M. Rajagopalan, D.C.C. State Organising Commissioner, Madurai. All the preliminary arrangements were ably attended to by Sri K. Santhanam, B.Sc. (Ag.) Principal, Grama Sevaks Training Centre, Bhavanisagar.

THE MADRAS CORPORATION BHARAT SCOUTS & GUIDES

The over-night camp of I Zone of the Corporation Bharat Scouts and Guides was held on 29-7-55 at the Corporation Orphanage grounds, Royapuram, when Sri D.Sankaran, Suprintendent, Corporation work house presided. Over 200 Cubs and Scouters from various Corporation Schools of I Zone attended the Camp. The Headmaster of the Corporation School North Range Mr. Ghouse Mohedeen with his staff helped the Camp.

Mr. T. V. Sabapathy was the Camp Officer.

"East and West Day" of Madras City Guides

FEBRUARY 2nd, 1955 was a great day in the annals of the Guides of Madras city, when an International show of Eastern and Western homes and ways of life was held at St. Christopher's Training College, Madras which was lent kindly by Miss Getsie Samuel, our Headquarters Commissioner-Guides and Principal of the College. This effort was in aid of the Guides who need Uniform, Camping facilities, etc.

It was not just a show ; it was a Carnival indeed ! There was a Merry-go-round for children, organised by the members of the Guild of Service under Mrs. Alwar Chetty; "Pony rides on three ponnies" graciously lent to us by the Turf Club of Madras, which rides were extremely popular ; a Persian Home with the magnificent array of all the splendour of Moghul glory, with Persian Beauties decked in the lovely dream garbs of Persia, offering to guests tea in their ceremonious pompous dishes, under their queen Mrs. Khaleeli ; a Bengali Home decorated with the quint essence of art and religion under the guidance of Mrs. Walawakar and friends ; an Indian cradle ceremony by Mrs. Sundaravadivelu while the the peculiar perfumes of the festive South Indian home was pervading the room ; the typical outlay of the Canadian spirit of services in the carpet of love and characteristic Canadian community programmes under Miss Pearson ; the highly educative American store model teaching our children the way of business as done in the U. S. A., under the inspiration of Mrs. Sheibert ; the Punjab Home with its simplicity and manipulative mechanisms with its hearth of warmth under Mrs. Puri ; the Kashmiri Home with its gorgeous carpets and intricate wooden carvings under Mrs Wanchoo; the most auspicious South Indian bride bedecked in all her glory, near her kitchen-to-be, full of utensils, which a bride alone can use under the guidance of Mrs. Srinivas Rao and Mrs. Shiva Rao ; and the programme of entertainment provided by Guides, Bulbuls and amateur artistes under Mrs. H. Parvathy Krishnamoorthy.

And Oh ! the Refreshment stall under Mrs. Kapadia and Mr Ginwala was another important attraction ; everything was sold like hot peas ; and I tell you there were no hot drinks ! children loved the delicious ice cream and the eatables !

The side shows was managed by members of the Y. M. C. A., who gave good opportunities for everyone to try their skill at cocoanut-shy or loop the loop, etc.

All this was possible because of the untiring worker, Mrs. Ruth Morris, under whose inspiration and leadership, all the kindly ladies of Madras contributed their best.

From February 1st itself, the St. Christopher's Training College was buzzing with activity—with the loud noise of cars and ladies and helpers etc. February 2nd dawned with great expectations. At 8-30 a.m. His Excellency Shri Sri Prakasa arrived and was received with a possee of welcome by the State Commissioner and the Headquarters Commissioners. After a welcome song and welcome by Miss Samuel, the Governor declared open the show, laying great stress on the value of the Guide and Scout Movement in the education of the young. After remarks by our State Commissioner, Mrs. Morris proposed the vote of thanks.

The Governor showed keen interest in all the exhibits and he was received in the Bengali home with Puja and Kumkum. The whole day, the gaily decorated college grounds, was full of unmanageable crowds that thronged the place. A band of gallant Scouts kept vigil all round directing the people to go in an orderly way. Evening was the highlight of the show when a programme of variety entertainment was gone through, which was immensely appreciated.

All wished that the show was extended on to the next day too. We, Guides have learnt a great deal from this effort for our future guidance and betterment. Our grateful thanks are due to Mrs. Morris and her noble band of ladies. who graciously came forward to lend a hand in the work of our Movement. Our special mention of thanks are also due to Mr. Santhanagopalan, Assistant District Commissioner of West Madras and Mr. Balagopalan, Assistant District Commissioner of North Madras and to our State Secretary, Mr. Ratnasabhapathy and the Headquarters staff and to all our Commissioners-Guides and the Guides who gave their full co-operation in this service of love.

By
(Mrs.) D L. GOPAL RATNAM,
Headquarters Commissioner-Guides
Madras State.

The Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State

THE SECOND PLAN PERIOD

THE First Five Year Plan submitted by the Planning Commission has included a note on Youth Welfare and specifically emphasised the importance of giving opportunities to the Youths for self-expression, comradeship, Community Life and National service—page 627 paragraph 49 under Youth Welfare (the first Five Year Plan).

To achieve the above it has been suggested (paragraph 52) as follows: Special measures are needed to strengthen the Scout Movement. The Bharat Scout and Guides Organisation had 1,73,902 Cubs, 2,65,296 Scouts and about 50,000 Bulbuls and Guides on its role in 1951. The Movement has 21,393 trained and warranted Scouters and 2,993 helpers. The Scout Movement has to play a vital role in serving the younger generation and in organising them for the active service of the country Not only has the movement to be extended to villages but the quality of its service has to be developed. For this purpose the national as well as the State Headquarters have to be strengthened and adequately equipped for creating and training a large number of Scouters and promote efficient guidance and supervision to its units. The Scouts movement should receive the suppport of the State, the local-self-governing bodies as well as the community. There should also be co-ordination of activities between the Scout movement and the other youth and children's organisations. The youth and student organisations should be able to provide an increasing number of Scouts who will be required to extend the work of the movement, in the near future."

It has been rightly pointed out that the organisation of Bharat Scouts and Guides should be strengthened both on the national and State Headquarters level and that efficient group Leaders or Scouters (Guiders) should be provided from time to time by the Organisation To the extent of the Scouters and Guiders of all ranks, are efficient, capable and worthy leaders of the young, to that extent the movement can be said to be efficient, progressive and useful.

Hence the necessity to train up a larger number of Scouters and Guiders so that there could be a continuous flow of workers into the ever increasing organisation of Bharat Scouts and Guides. The training of workers would come under two categories:

1. Fresh young men and women who have been Scouts and Guides or not, to be trained to man the Organisations.

2. These are already working-as-Scouters and Guiders to be given advanced Training, and keep them up-to-date from time to time.

In England they have the Gilwell Park Training Centre and possibly there are centres in various Counties. Similarly for a vast country like India we should have a central Training centre like Gilwell Park and State Training Centres which will deal with Training in the respective regional languages so that men and women trained in these centres will take up work in villages. This step is necessary, if we should extend our movement to villages. Even though the First Five Year Plan contemplates the regular systematic and continuous training of Scouters and Guiders, this matter has not been given the required attention till now. It is our snggestion that well equipped training centres should be organised in all the States We in Madras are planning to have three centres. One in Madras (the Besant Scout Camping Centre, Adyar) 2. Stanley Park Training Centre, Coonoor for the western Districts and Mathurai for the Southern Districts where we have to equip and establish a Training centre. We give below details for equipping the centres and the amount of capital expenditure and recurring expenditure necessary for the purposes.

The State Headquarters as well as the District Headquarters should be the place where opportunities for physical activities, group companionship, arts, hobbies should be provided. By establishing Youth Clubs in these Headquarters, it is proposed to provide facilities for all these activities in the "Wenlock Park", the State Headquarters of Madras which will serve a large number of Youths in the city of Madras and serve as a model to Districts.

We propose to put up a Youth Hostel in the State Headquarters grounds as well as a Youth Hostel in each district Headquarters town and around it. This apart, we need camping centres to encourage youths, Scouts and Guides to contact nature and undertake open air activities. The Movement emphasises Camping out as one of the most important activities for building the health and mind of the boys and make them self-reliant citizens of the future.

We give below details of expenditure regarding the Camp sites, one for each District and the minimum equipment necessary.

Under youth and National Service, the Madras State has made a very good beginning in putting 3000 Scouts and Guides on Community Projects service for Rural areas. We have run during this summer, 20 Rural Service Camps with Projects ranging from cleaning the streets and the surroundings, whitewashing village homes and huts, giving them a "New Look", laying roads, digging manure pits, building open air theatre to laying of roads 4 miles, or 5 miles distance, repairing Tank bunds, etc. In the matter of building an open air theatre our Scouts made the bricks and tiles as well.

This year the Government of India has been pleased to sanction a Lakh and Sixty nine thousand Rupees and next year we are going to put not 3000 Scouts and Guides, but 10,000 or more Scouts and Guides on this work. We hope therefore the Government will sanction about Five Lakhs of Rupees next year to run the Rural Service under Community Projects and National Extension Service.

Three Training Centres

We need tents and cooking utensils and other equipments on the following basis.

1. Tents double fly, wedge type, 60 lbs., each costing Rs. 500/- for 10 tents Rs. 5000/-

2. Cooking Utensils and other camp exuipments such as Crowbars, Shovels, Pik-Axes, etc., Rs. 2000/-

Total for each centre is Rs. 7000/- and for 3 centres Rs. 21000/-

The State Headquarters at Madras to be fitted with Physical Education equipments and work shop for hobbies and arts—Rs. 5000/-

A Youth Hostel at the State Headquarters grounds to start with Rs. 15,000/-An open air theatre at the State Headquarters grounds Rs. 7000/- Camping equipments for each district at the rate of Rs. 2000/- for 14 districts Rs. 28,000/-

The above are our requirements to put through the programme of

1. Training for Scouters and Guiders, Advanced Training for the workers in the 3 Training centres to be established.

2. State Headquarters to be equipped with a work shop for hobbies and arts and physical activities as well as a Youth Club.

3. A Youth Hostel at the State Headquarters grounds and regular Camping activities to be encouraged in every district with minimum equipments supplied to each district, on the above basis. Besides this our Scouts will render service at rural Camps to be organised under National Extension Service and Community Projects in the coming summer at which 10,000 Scouts and Guides will be drafted and a separate application for funds will be made, as done this year.

Wenlock Park,
Madras-5
30-6-1955

V. S. RATNASABHAPATHY
State Secretary.

KUMBAKONAM

Twenty-two Scouters of the local Scout Association, Kumbakonam went to Chidambaram on the Mahakumbhabhishekam Day of Sri Sabanayakar Koil to do service at the "Poor Feeding" organised by the Annadhana Sivan Sangam. Sri K. S. Seshadri, Assistant State Commissioner was present at the Service Centre.

The Bharat Scouts & Guides, National Headquarters,

REGAL BLDGS.,
NEW DELHI,
27th July, 1955.

Dear Friend,

I am very glad to inform you that Fourteen Scouts drawn from 9 States (Rajastan-2, Delhi-3, Hyderabad-2, Bengal-1, Uttar Pradesh-1, Mysore-1, Madras-1, Bihar-1, Madhya Pradesh-1) left by Sky-master Charter Plane from Delhi on 26th July. Their itinerary is given below.

It has been posaible to raise this team of Scouts to be sent to Canada mainly because of the financial assistance assured by the Central Government and State Governments to whom we are very thankful. We are certain that the Scouts will enjoy the tour and come back rich with experience. We shall keep you informed of their activities as and when we hear from them.

Yours sincerely,
K. G. VAIDYANATHAN
National Secretary.

VIIIth World Jamboree—Canada—18th to 28th Aug. 1955

26th July	Dep.	Delhi by Sky Master Charter plane.
28th July	Arr.	London (Halt and sight—seeing in Britain from July 28 to 2nd Aug.)
2nd Aug.	Dep.	London by train.
2nd Aug.	Arr.	Liverpool
3rd Aug.	Dep.	Liverpool by Sexonia boat.
9th Aug.	Arr.	Montreal (9th Aug. to 18th Aug.—10 days Halt & sight-seeing Montreal to Niagara Falls)
10th Aug.	Dep	Montreal by bus—sight seeing
18th Aug.	Arr.	Niagara Falls (18th to 28th—Jamboree and halt upto 31st)
31st Aug.	Dep.	Niagara Falls by bus.
31st Aug.	Arr.	New York (Halt and sight seeing till 6th Sept.)
6th Sept.	Dep.	New York.
15th Sept.	Arr.	Rotterdam
16th Sept.	Dep.	Rotterdam by train for sight seeing— Europe sight seeing till 29th Sept)
29th Sept.	Arr.	Genoa
30th Sept.	Dep.	Genoa by Asia boat
13th Oct.	Arr.	Bombay by Asia boat.

Leader of the Contingent : Shri Ram Bajpai.

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DEVELOPMENT OF SCOUTING

Dr. Kunzru Urges Government Aid

The Bharat Scouts and Guides was the only national organisation which gave to young boys and girls of the country basic training in character building, co-operative endeavour, development of personality, creation of team spirit and developing initiative. There were no doubt other organisations like the National Cadet Corps, and the Auxiliary Cadet Corps which helped to train young men and women for the service of the country, but scouting and guiding were unique. These were the observations made by Dr. Hirdhyanath Kunzru, M. P. National Commissioner, Bharat Scouts and Guides, India, at the rally of the Madras Bharat Scouts and Guides at the Wenlock, Park, Triplicane, on 30-7-55. Mr. K. Venkataswami Naidu, State Chief Commissioner presided.

Nearly six hundred scouts, rovers, cubs and guides and bulbuls from various groups in the City were in the Rally, of which Mr. V. S. Ratnasabhapathy, Secretary, was in charge.

Dr. Kunzru was received by Mr. K. Venkataswami Naidu and introduced to Mr. A.M.M. Murugappa Chettiar, President, East Madras Bharat Scouts and Guides and Mr. N. D. Sundaravadivelu, State Commissioner.

After a review of the rally by the National Commissioner, Mr. Murugappa Chettiar welcomed Dr. Kunzru. A display by guides then followed.

Dr. Kunzru then presented Bharat Scout badges to Mr. K, S. Venkataraman and Mr. R. Gopalakrishnan of the Pratap Scout Group of South Madras and Mr. N. D. Sundararajan and Mr. T. S. Raghavan of the Sri Krishna Scout Group of East Madras.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Kunzru observed that the Scout movement started in the country nearly 35 years ago and though at the present time there were several other organisations doing similar work like scouting and guiding, it was only the Bharat Scouts and Guides movement that gave the necessary *basic training* which would help boys and girls all through their lives. Scouts and Guides were doing their work in such an unostentatious manner that several educated men did not know much of their work at all The movement used the method of teaching through the play instinct.

Team Spirit

Dr. Kunzru distinguished between the work done by the scout movement in this regard and other organisations like the N. C. C. and the A. C. C. Scouting and guiding developed in young men and women a sense of brotherhood, co-operation, and team spirit, which badly needed in our young men and women at the present moment. Dr. Kunzru observed that a great responsibility lay on the scout masters and guide captains and appealed to them to discharge functions properly so that the real object of the movement might be achieved.

The Government could facilitate the successful working of the movement, Dr. Kunzru said. He suggested that scouting could be included as part of the school work. Some leisure could be given to the scout masters and guide captains who were teachers in schools, so that they might plan scout activities. He also pleaded for more liberal financial help from the Government to State Scout organisations so that they could carry on their activities in a more useful manner. He suggested that the Government could provide a good camping ground for holding of large rallies and Jamborees. If such help was given, Dr. Kunzru observed, the movement would become more refreshing and attractive.

Concluding, Dr. Kunzru pointed out the pivotal position occupied by the scoutmasters and guide captains and hoped that they would provide the necessary spirit among the boys and girls for the growth of the movement. He added it was the right spirit and not money that was so much needed for the development of the movement. Greater encouragement should be given to this movement which gave basic training in character-building and citizenship, Dr. Kunzru added.

Mr. Venkataswami Naidu translated Dr. Kunzru's speech into Tamil.

Miss. G. R. Samuel, Headquarters Commissioner (Guides), proposed a vote of thanks.

Party to Dr. Kunzru

A pleasant dinner party was got up on 30-7-55 on the lawns of the Woodlands Hotel in Mylapore, when Mr K. Venkataswami Naidu, M. L. A., State Chief Commissioner, Madras State Bharat Scouts and Guides, entertained Dr. H N. Kunzru, National Commissioner, Bharat Scouts and Guides, India. A large number of Scouters and Guiders were present. Mr. M. Bhaktavatsalam. Minister, Mr. V. N. Subbaroyan, Corporation Commissioner and Mr. G Venkatachalapathi, Director of Rural Welfare were also present. Mr. Venkataswami Naidu and Mr. V. S Ratnasabhapathy, State Secretary of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, introduced the guests to Dr. Kunzru.

Scouting as Part of Education

Pundit Kunzru's Plea

Pandit Hridayanath Kunzru, National Commissioner of Bharat Scouts and Guides, said scouting should be recognised as a part of school work. He referred to the valuable qualities which scouting inculcated in boys and girls, and said that with proper training scouts and guides could be a source of power in the country.

Dr. Kunzru was speaking at a reception accorded to him by the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Coimbatore, at the Chidambaram Pillai Park, Mr. V. C Subbiah Gounder, Assistant State Commissioner, Mr. T. R. Sundaram Pillai, District Commissioner Scouts and Mrs. Roy Chatterji, District Commissioner, Guides, received him. Dr. Kunzru unfurled the Scout flag. Mr. V. C. Subbiah Gounder gave an account of the work by the local organisation Mr. Sundaram Pillai presented a report, Sri S. R. Govindarajulu Naidu presided.

Close Co-operation of Scouts and Guides

The National Commissioner said he was pleased to note the pregress of the movement in the district. There were 1,000 Scouts and Guides in the district, and they could do effective service if they worked in close co-operation under proper supervision.

No Better Organisation

He stated that young men and women in the country needed certain basic training which could not be provided by any othe organisation better than that of Scouts.

He referred to the great changes in the country, and said the National Cadet Corps and Auxiliary Cadet Corps had more facilities provided. Those who joined the A.C.C. were provided uniforms by the Government, but scouts and guides did not have this concession. In spite of this concession shown to A.C C. and cadets, Dr. Kunzru said he still thought that the scout movement alone could provide the essential and basic training required for men and women. He reminded the Government of its duty in this respect. and said scouting should be recognised as a part of the school work.

Character Training

With proper training and character building, the efficiency of the scout movement could be increased. Unfortunately, in the present educational system, character-training was lacking. Parents should interest themselves in giving good character training to their children. He also asked the local organisation to pay more attention to this aspect.

He referred to the forthcoming visit to India of the Director of World Scouts and Guides and hoped that she would find that Scouts and Guides in India were in no way behind those in any other country.

Office of the National Organising Commissioner Bharat Scouts and Guides

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Dated July 10, 1955

To

(1) The State Secretaries,
Bharat Scouts and Guides,
Indian Union.

(2) Group Leaders,
Lone Groups,
Indian Union.

My dear Colleague,

Pan Pacific Jamboree

The Victoria branch of the Boy Scouts Association has undertaken to act as organiser of a Pan Pacific Jamboree to be held at Clifford Park, Victoria Australia from the 28th December 1955 to the 9th January 1956. This Jamboree will be open to contingents of Boy Scouts form the Pacific Ocean and South East Asian Countries.

The Boy Scouts International Bureau and the authorities of the Pan Pacific Jamboree have extended a very cordial invitation to the Bharat Scouts and Guides to participate in the said Jamboree.

Clifford Park where the Jamboree is proposed to be held consists of 1000 Acres of undulating well timbered country through which winds the river Yarra. It is a sanctuary for native founs and the tinkling of the bell birds and the laughter of the Kocksburras are familiar sounds. The programme of the activities includes national displays, a symphony concert, a march through the streets of Melbourne, a concert in the town hall by overseas scouts, camp cinema shows and camp fires.

There will be swimming in a large pool. Special activities are being organised for both senior scouts and the Sea scouts.

The Australian Government has reduced to a minimum the formalities attendent upon overseas visitors and the Indian Contingent would be able to take its equipment, duty free as passenger effects.

Individual Passports will not be necessary The Australian authorities will be satisfied if the particulars of Indian Scouts are enclosed in a collective document issued in our country. The immigration authorities are not prepared to waive the condition that the boys must be in sound health and must travel in uniform. Further where passports or collective travel documents require visas for travel to Australia such visas will be granted free of charge.

Applications to attend the Jamboree should be made as soon as possible and the last day by which applications can be accepted is 15th September 1955. The charge for the entire camping period from the 29th December to 9th January 1956 has been fixed at 7 Pounds Australian Currency. This sum will cover all costs after arrival at Melbourne. A preliminary payment of Pounds Australian 1/10/ per each member of the Indian Contingent must reach the Jamboree office by 1st October 1955 and the balance by 31st October 1955.

Intending Scouts should hold the Second class badge, be 13 years of age and have spent at least 3 nights in camp.

Should you have any queries never hesitate to write as this office shall only be too pleased to do all in our might to help you.

Yours sincerely,
S. R. BAJPAI,
National Organising Commissioner

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Community Service

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Rural Service

Campers busy with village cleaning
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